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Subject: PROTEST AT THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM: The rent is too damn high

Dear friends, neighbors, fellow activists, and council members,

Over 600 luxury developers will be meeting at the **Brooklyn Museum on Tuesday** to strategize how to create more condos, raise our rents, and wring even more profits from our communities by pushing out lower and middle-income tenants. I'm helping to organize a day of protests outside the Brooklyn Museum with BAN (the Brooklyn Anti-Gentrification Network) and ASAP (the Artist Studio Affordability Project), and I'm writing to urge you to come out and help us make a statement.

Details here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1691953754383071/>

Clear steps can be taken to keep the rents sane: we can bolster rent stabilization and rent control laws that are already in place, but quickly being dismantled as tenants are displaced. We can support the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which would create minimum 10-year leases and restrictions on property taxes for small businesses. We can demand that de Blasio's definition of "affordable" is actually affordable, not \$1000 per month— just \$400 less than New Yorkers make on a minimum wage, before taxes. Most powerful of all, we can take land off the market and put it into community land trusts, which can make rents permanently affordable (in Manhattan, one CLT has allowed people to buy their apartments for as little as \$200!) If Seattle can win a \$15 minimum wage, change is certainly possible here.

Plus, I have reason to believe that this may be a watershed moment. In the past few years of community organizing, I've seen nothing like the outpouring of enthusiasm for this rally— not only from activists, but from local press outlets, Crown Heights businesses, and church congregations alike.

So please, bring posters and megaphones. Bring everybody you can. Let's turn out in droves. Together, we can tell our elected officials that pushing us out of our homes is not an acceptable way to turn a profit. And elected officials can stand with their constituents.

Protests will be taking place all day, but I strongly recommend showing up to the **12 PM press conference** and the **4PM-6PM "cocktail party"** we're holding on the steps of the museum (in congruence with the summit's cocktail hour inside).

Thanks for reading. I hope to see you there!

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Subject: Call for honest debate for NYC small businesses & request to withdraw from Albany for solving our crisis

Dear Hon. Elected Representatives of the City of New York,

Soon, a serious debate will take place in the Council on the best solution to end the closing of long established small businesses caused solely by exorbitant rent increases not related to landlord's actual costs or a reasonable return. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer best characterized the crisis faced by our city's business owners: *"the mom-and-pop crisis has intensified with a fury."* For those elected officials who truly believe that *"the backbone of our economy are our small businesses and the engines of job creation"*, TakeBackNYC calls upon you to help our small business owners and their employees receive an honest debate on real solutions to end their crisis.

We also ask you to keep an open view on all proposals and understand the unintended consequences of small businesses getting pushed out to extinction. Such consequences as: loss of jobs, lower wages paid, loss of our arts and cultural groups, loss of a major pathway to social mobility for low income families, loss of distinctive neighborhood character, loss of NYC as gateway for entrepreneurs to invest in the American Dream, and loss of family owned businesses passing on businesses to the next generation. Without the right to a lease renewal we will see a continuation of illegal extortion of mostly immigrant owners and short term leases which stop all hiring, expansion plans for businesses and increased higher prices to all NYers. Any real solution to end this crisis, must address any of these unintended consequences to our small businesses, their employees and our economy.

A model of Democracy and an honest debate occurred in 2009 when former Small Business Committee Chairman, David Yassky, fully committed to finding a solution to save small businesses and stop the closing of our City's job creators. At his Committees' Public Hearing (6.29.09), Chairman Yassky opened with a statement that is more true today than ever: *"I will say simply as an opening statement that I believe that we absolutely have to do something, period. We have to do something to help small businesses....It's not an option to do nothing. The mom and pop stores on the commercial strips in our neighborhoods are the heart of the neighborhood. We cannot allow them to be pushed to the point of disappearance, which is what is happening now. If it's not going to be this bill, then I want to hear what the alternative is for how we're going to help small businesses in this difficult time. The one thing I just want to put right up front with the administration witnesses here is we have to have some solutions to offer."*

After hearing all sides, Chairman Yassky, along with the unanimous support of his Committee, joined the majority of Council Members as sponsors of the **Small Business Jobs Survival Act (File #: Int 0402-2014)**, as the best solution to save our city's small businesses. Today, as in 2009, this bill continues to be the best and only real solution on the table.

The **SBJSA** also exposed the model of an anti-democratic act by powerful special interests rigging the process behind closed doors to prevent a vote on the bill. REBNY and their allies in Speaker Quinn's Office did not testify against the bill at the Public Hearing nor did they offer an alternative solution which Chairman Yassky requested. Instead, they successfully schemed a legal roadblock to stop a vote on the **SBJSA** which would easily have passed both Committee and full Council. In a recent interview with the editor of The Villager, REBNY President Steve Spinola made clear that the view of the real estate lobby has not changed in working with government to find a solution to stop the closing of our city's small businesses. "In general, as REBNY members see it, the S.B.J.S.A. would put way too much power in the hands of retail tenants."

Small business advocates view **Resolution 541 (File # Res 0541-2015)** as a continuation of REBNY's efforts to ensure bigger profits for landlords by denying small business owners any rights or power to protect their investment. In the same Villager interview: "If anything, Spinola said, he is in favor of giving "tax incentives" to landlords who work to keep commercial tenants in place."

TakeBackNYC respectfully asks all Council Members who sponsored Resolution 541 to withdraw their support since this Resolution was never intended to be a serious solution to end the crisis faced by our small business owners. It was created by REBNY to keep the status quo where the landlords have all the rights to protect their windfall profits. This Resolution is an insult to all our City's hard working small business owners who are struggling to survive and struggling to keep their American Dream alive. It is also an insult to the constituents of all "progressive" elected officials who pledged they would stand up to special interests and promote progressive legislation on behalf of all NYers. Passing off the responsibility of determining the future of NYC's economy, jobs and character of its neighborhoods to a corrupt Albany, is not what NYers expect from progressive leadership.

To those Council Members who were given misinformation that NYC does not have Home Rule to regulate commercial leases, here are the facts:

Even with strong opposition from both former Mayor Koch and Speaker Vallone, the original version of SBJSA was found fully constitutional by City's Corporate Counsel testifying before a special hearing that Council had Home Rule and the Arbitration bill was voted on in committee on December 1, 1988. This legal decision was accepted by past Council's Legal Department who on two separate occasions (January 1989) with prime sponsor CM Ruth Messinger and in (July 1994) with new prime sponsor CM Guillermo Linares, Legal recommended amendments to their bills which would satisfy their stated legal concerns. In both cases the prime sponsor made the changes they recommended, changes that would never have been made if the City Council did not have Home Rule. For the next 2 decades the bill had several prime sponsors and not once was Home Rule ever challenged. At the June 2009 CM Yassky's Small Business Committee Hearing on the bill, neither REBNY nor Council's Legal testified to or submitted in writing, any challenge to the new SBJSA legality or Home Rule. In October 2009, the Small Business Committee was prevented from voting on the SBJSA when unknown parties from Speaker Quinn's office made the unsubstantiated claim that SBJSA presented legal concerns and would likely not hold up to a court challenge. In a November 9, 2009 Memo from Council's Legislative Division and General Counsel to the SBJSA prime sponsor CM Robert Jackson outlining their legal concerns the bill had, nowhere in this Memo was the topic of Home Rule discussed.

The Home Rule objection only recently surfaced as part of REBNY's campaign to, once again, stop a vote on the **SBJSA**. In the same interview with REBNY's Spinola: "We are absolutely convinced that the City Council,

the mayor do not have the power to impose control on the leasing of properties.” Despite unlimited financial resources and countless attorneys, REBNY has not produced a single court ruling or case law review to substantiate this claim. REBNY has not produced any legal proof because it does not exist. Sending Resolutions to a corrupt Albany reeling from scandals around big real estate money and rumored claims of “legality” of the SBJSA can no longer be an excuse for inaction while NYC’s small businesses continue on a path towards extinction. It is our hope, we can finally move forward with a Public Hearing and vote. Our hardest working job creators deserve a vote.

Sincerely yours,

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Mayor de Blasio Continues Bloomberg's Anti-Small Business Policy

Deputy Mayor Glen Turns her Back on Women Entrepreneurs in Crisis

Dateline, New York City, December 1, 2015 Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen recently announced a \$2 million effort which will offer money-management courses, mentorship, networking events and a website of resources available to women who own businesses. This initiative is the result of a city survey showing women entrepreneurs are struggling and are less profitable than their male counterparts. What this program really is though, is an insult to hardworking women business owners because it purposely ignores the real problems they face to survive in NYC: skyrocketing rents, illegal extortion, short-term leases and paying their landlords' escalating bills.

Since Mayor de Blasio was sworn into office, the courts have issued warrants to evict commercial tenants on the average of 488 per month and it's estimated over 1,000 small businesses are forced to close each month.* Desperate business owners have waited patiently for self-proclaimed progressive Mayor de Blasio to keep his campaign pledge to take the city in another direction from former Mayor Bloomberg and end economic inequality. Their wait is over, DM Glen confirmed Mayor de Blasio's position: **the survival of small businesses does not matter under the de Blasio administration**. DM Glen's initiative makes apparent the de Blasio administration has not made a priority of saving small businesses and will continue the same anti-small business policies of Mayor Bloomberg.

In October at the Municipal Arts Society Summit 2015, MAS Director Carol Colleta, revealed to DM Glen that 100 percent of the people polled in the audience supported commercial rent control for NYC, to which she quipped "anybody in the audience who actually [has] done any real estate finance? It is a very complicated issue, like most issues, and I'm not sure that necessarily adopting commercial rent control

would lead to solve the problem that people think the problem is." DM Glen's answer implies that her background in real estate finance at Goldman Sachs gave her knowledge about the regulation of commercial leases and rents that the audience would not have. The reality is, what would someone who worked at Goldman Sachs before joining the de Blasio administration, know about owning a small business?

For every small business owner and the vast majority of NYers it isn't "complicated" at all. Decades of unchecked and unregulated real estate speculation combined with big banks and franchises' insane bidding wars and profiteers manipulating the market by warehousing storefronts (sometimes for years), has all contributed to wreaking havoc on the commercial real estate market making it impossible for an established business owner to receive a reasonable rent. Only for Mayor de Blasio's economic team is the issue of rent gouging complicated. DM Glen's reaction to NYer's wanting to save their neighborhood businesses and the public's call for legislation to regulate landlords shows the disconnect that exists between Mayor de Blasio's economic policy makers and our city's small business community.

It is clear the de Blasio administration does not want an honest debate on the only real solution to solve the crisis faced by our small businesses, the **Small Business Jobs Survival Act** which gives business owners rights to renew their leases and rights to negotiate fair lease terms. DM Glen's study and initiative was replicated from the Bloomberg/Quinn era to stop any regulation of landlords and to stop real solutions to the real problems business owners face. Bloomberg/Quinn purposely excluded former small businesses owners in any meaningful role of small business policy making at City Hall. They used government agencies or government funded organizations to produce studies that redefined problems facing small businesses which resulted in disingenuous business initiatives that sound like they care about the future of our small businesses, but in actuality they don't.

At a public hearing on finding solutions to save small businesses in 2009, former Council Member John Liu summed up the disconnect between the real problems of small businesses and the Bloomberg administration's weak attempt to solve them: *"every time we have a hearing with EDC or with Small Business Services, there is always talk about all these great programs that are out there to help small businesses. So as much as your two departments and agencies can say that you have all these great programs to assist small businesses, the small businesses aren't buying it. They're not buying it because they're not being asked what they need help with."*

DM Glen said the new program will provide "direct tools" to women business owners, but what good are money-management courses and networking events if you can't stay in business because of the exorbitant rent increases? The future of NYC small businesses are in Deputy Mayor Glen's hands, she needs to abandon these phony solutions, stop the closings, and end this crisis.

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* Sung Soo Kim, founded the Korean American Small Business Service Center, the oldest small business service center in NYC; co-founding the New York City Small Business Congress and Coalition to Save New York City Small Businesses; and was chairman of the Mayor's First Small Business Advisory Board, appointed by Mayors Dinkins and Giuliani

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Mayor de Blasio abandons "Progressive" principles again, second SBS appointment offers no help or hope for Mom & Pop

Dateline, NYC: December 28, 2015: Mayor de Blasio recently announced the appointment of Gregg Bishop to Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS). With this appointment, the Mayor maintains the status quo of corporate and real estate interests over the needs of the small business community. Elected on pledges of taking the City in a new direction from former Mayor Bloomberg and ending economic inequality, Mayor de Blasio continues to fail the City's struggling small business owners and to abandon his "Progressive" principles.

Though disappointing, this appointment echoes his previous appointment of SBS Commissioner, Maria Torres-Springer. Ms. Torres-Springer was the former Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff at the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC), an agency dominated by real estate interests, where she worked to marginalize the role small businesses play in our City's economy. Ms. Torres-Springer has

never owned or managed a small business nor does she have any record of advocating on behalf of small businesses and therefore could not relate to the real problems they face, and yet she was put in charge of serving them. Her failure and lack of commitment to stop the closing of long established small businesses, is likely to be repeated by the Mayor's latest appointment to that role.

In 2014, the NYC Courts issued on average 488 per month eviction warrants to small business owners which is on par with the number of forced evictions under former Mayor Bloomberg. How was Commissioner Torres-Springer held accountable for continuing Bloomberg's anti-small business policies causing over 1,000 small businesses to close in NYC each month, costing 8,000 NY'ers their jobs each month, and keeping NYC the worst environment for small businesses of any city in the nation? Mayor de Blasio gave her a promotion, and promoted Commissioner Torres-Springer to return to the Economic Development Corporation as President, a political appointment directed by the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY).

Mayor de Blasio knows there is a real solution to end this crisis sitting in City Council, ***which he championed when running for Public Advocate***, the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), which would level the playing field and give rights to protect long established businesses and stop their closings. As seen in the past, the role of the SBS Commissioner is to forward the interests of the EDC and REBNY and to never allow the SBJSA, or any legislation giving rights to business owners to reach the floor for a vote.

The Dept. of SBS has a policy of ignoring the real problems our businesses face, like exorbitant rent increases forcing good businesses to close, illegal extortion of mostly immigrant owned businesses, oppressive short term leases which hinders job creation, and the continued passing on of the ever growing property taxes from landlord to business tenant. Historically, SBS has not been a problem-solving agency. Instead it creates phony programs, loans, and assistance navigating through "red tape" while maintaining fealty to property owners, developers, banks, and Wall Street, and ignoring the real problems of whom they should be advocating for, our City's small businesses. Sung Soo Kim, Chairman of the Mayor's First Small Business Advisory Board, appointed by Mayors Dinkins and Giuliani, believes SBS hides behind *"useless programs and bureaucratic organizations controlled by special interests. SBS programs are ridiculous and worthless to the majority of NYC's hard-working immigrant owners. There is nothing more absurd than a loan program to businesses who can't pay their rent."*

With SBS' dismal performance of dealing with the small business crisis, the SBS is the last place to find a leader who will advocate for our small businesses who are struggling to survive. Unfortunately, that is where the Mayor found his next appointment, another political appointment orchestrated by REBNY. Mayor de Blasio announced, "His [Gregg Bishop] resume speaks for itself. The work he has done to assist immigrants and women entrepreneurs proves no one is more qualified to support NYC's small business community and run the agency than he is." In reality, Mr. Bishop's resume shows, like Ms. Torres-Springer, he has never owned a small business nor has he managed a typical storefront business. He was board president of a social program for youth that was funded by several banks including Capital One, foundations run by Goldman Sachs and Forest City Ratner and government agencies like Port Authority. Mr. Bishop was also Deputy Commissioner of Dept. of Small Business Service's Business Development Division which empowers property owners and big banks while funding business organizations that do not represent main street businesses. It has continued the shameful SBS policy to be compliant with unscrupulous landlords who extort cash from mostly immigrant owners and force unfair short term leases (sometimes month to month) onto long standing owners in effort to find a new deep pocket tenant. SBS has turned its back on all the major problems facing small businesses and has taken no action which could impede achieving EDC's goals of establishing NYC as the world's center for real estate investment.

In any other city in the world, the right choice for Commissioner of an agency that should be advocating for small businesses, especially in a time of crisis, would have been a former small business owner. In fact, because Hispanics own the highest percentage of immigrant businesses in NYC, a Hispanic small business owner would have been most appropriate, unfortunately not under the Bloomberg or de Blasio's administration. The Mayor continues to disregard the needs of NYC's largest economic generator with the appointment of Mr. Bishop. Contrary to campaign promises, it's apparent that Mayor de Blasio is following

the anti-small business policies established by Mayor Bloomberg and the continued sacrifice of our City's long established small businesses to corporate speculators and greed.

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Dear City Officials,

There are three cases of abuse of the public realm happening right now in New York City and we urge you to use the powers of your office to stop this kind of abuse.

- 1. The American Museum of Natural History should not be allowed to encroach upon Theodore Roosevelt Park.*
- 2. The Department of City Planning should not be proposing a text amendment that gives away - in a terrible, uneconomic deal that is bad for the people of New York - 110,000 square feet of public-private plaza and arcade space along Water Street. If such a deal happens at all, there should be a more serious economic study as to what citizens of New York might gain and lose by it.*
- 3. The spot-zoned towers in Inwood at 4650 and 4566 Broadway should not be allowed at such an excessive height that they shadow a public park and the Cloisters museum and ruin the famously human-scaled neighborhood of Inwood. Increased density does not have to mean out-of-context high-rises!*

Sender's message:

The preservation of Manhattan, a mecca for the world, is urgent and the overdevelopment will hurt us all permanently.

Western Queens is also undergoing construction changes unwanted by its people. Mom & pops are at risk. We have lost 15+ to speculators who just ousted our small businesses and are reselling the property. Please stand up for the city and its people. Please help pass the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, as is, to slow down speculation.

The changes happening are for the worse, permanent and happening in history under your watch.

If you want to build affordable housing, built on vacant lots all over the city, for less than of the cost high-rises, in tax breaks and debt, providing instant housing for those you seek to help without wrecking the city.

Plan and start infrastructure for current residents: a train line, parks, sewers, schools before bringing in more density and construction. ZQA and MIH facilitate more people and more building, but no way to transport them or take care of them. There will be no space to build infrastructure once the high-rises are in and the cost that falls on taxpayers will be much more. Come out and take the 7 train to Manhattan at 6am. What used to take 17 minutes takes an hour and a half. We cannot sustain more density.

Not one of the 20+ new buildings here in Sunnyside area is attractive. They have flat fronts, low ceilings, strangely shallow balconies, small apartments, inadequate parking, and no eye appeal.

If you want to help developers and workers, plan for commercial hubs outside the city where they are wanted and desired, not further develop Manhattan and the areas in the boroughs next to it. Yes, investments in that land would be more profitable. But further out will serve all New Yorkers, create jobs, provide room for new transport, and serve all segments of the economy.

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87 Queens Associations stand up for small businesses as they face a crisis to survive caused by exorbitant rent increases. Community leadership sign petition calling on Queens lawmakers to "address the crisis quickly by passing the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which gives rights to owners to protect and preserve Queens's businesses and jobs".

Queens' community and business groups took an action which until now their lawmakers have refused to do. They made a strong statement that Queens' small businesses need legislation passed to protect and preserve Queens' hard working business owners from unfair, manipulated or failed market forces. (See petition at end) Their petition makes clear what every New Yorker knows and what City Hall refuses to acknowledge in public, a crisis exists for our small business owners when their leases expire. With no rights for commercial tenants, the majority of businesses can't compete with big banks, franchises and speculators in paying exorbitant rent increases or making a reasonable profit under oppressive lease terms. This one-sided broken lease renewal process has destroyed many long established businesses and is making others struggle to survive, and the crisis is getting worse and coming to Queens. The petition calls upon Queens lawmakers to make a priority of finding a real solution quickly. One which will level the playing field for our businesses when their leases expire, and one which will allow them to again bargain in good faith to negotiate fair lease terms and make a reasonable profit for their hard work and investment.

After reviewing all the proposed options being considered, they call upon all Queens lawmakers to sign onto the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), the only proposal that will actually give small business owners some rights when dealing with their landlords and will guarantee at least a possibility of survival and reasonable lease terms. The SBJSA is the only real solution to save the businesses because it is the only proposal which gives the tenants the right to renew their leases as well as the right to negotiate equally with the landlord for new lease terms. The right to renewal is what the Queens business owners need to survive according to small business advocates lead by Sung Soo Kim, the city's leading small business expert, often called the* "Godfather of Small Business." For more than 30 years, Mr. Kim has negotiated thousands of lease renewals for his Korean members and dealt daily with the problems facing small businesses. This is what he says must be the cornerstone of any successful legislation, "The absolute essential component of any law to be successful and save businesses and stop the closing of businesses is the right to renewal of the lease. Without this right to protect business owners from either a breakdown or manipulation of the free market, all proposals will fail and all independent owners in New York City will eventually be forced to close."

Queens's small business owners deserve rights and respect for their sacrifices and investment made in Queens. Small Businesses are the largest employer, the backbone of the Queens' economy, and vital to the stability and character of every Queens neighborhood. It is important that all Queens lawmakers take seriously the crisis their business owners face today and make a priority of the petition's request from the Queens community groups to find a real solution quickly. **Queens community groups do not want what has happened in Manhattan, rent gouging forcing long established businesses to close, which is getting worse and increasing in Brooklyn and Bronx neighborhoods, to happen in Queens.** Last year the city courts evicted on average 542 commercial businesses per month, with the highest increase in the Bronx, up 30%. Rent gouging is no longer just a Manhattan problem. Along with the sky high rent

increases, other landlord abuses are becoming the norm, like illegal extortion of cash from mostly immigrant owners when their leases expire. Also, landlords only giving short term leases (sometimes month to month), to long established businesses so the landlords are in a better position to rent to "deep pocket" franchises.

The petition signers reject proposals keeping the status quo which offer no real solution to the crisis. One proposal gives business owners only the right to a one year extension of the lease to give added time for the business owners to move.Another proposal calls for zoning changes to keep out big chain stores on Main Street....Still another proposal calls for tax incentives to landlords who not raise the commercial rents sky high on business owners. In NYC, all businesses pay the landlords' property taxes, which makes this proposal worthless. The latest proposal from City Hall to address the high rents forcing businesses to close came from Speaker Mark-Viverito in her State of the City Address. The Speaker said, *"So this year the Council will launch a planning study to develop recommendations for strengthening our small business community through land use policy and other tools, such as tax incentives."*

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87 Queens Associations stand up for small businesses as they face a crisis

to survive caused by exorbitant rent increases. Community leadership sign petition calling on Queens lawmakers to “address the crisis quickly by passing the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which gives rights to owners to protect and preserve Queens’s businesses and jobs”.

The Future of Queens’ businesses is in the hands of

Queens Council Members - will they keep their progressive campaign pledges and restore the American Dream for Queens’ Mom & Pop ?

Dateline NYC, May 2, 2016

Queens' community and business groups took an action which until now their lawmakers have refused to do. They made a strong statement that Queens' small businesses need legislation passed to protect and preserve Queens' hard working business owners from unfair, manipulated or failed market forces. (See petition at end) Their petition makes clear what every New Yorker knows and what City Hall refuses to acknowledge in public, a crisis exists for our small business owners when their leases expire. With no rights for commercial tenants, the majority of businesses can't compete with big banks, franchises and speculators in paying exorbitant rent increases or making a reasonable profit under oppressive lease terms. This one-sided broken lease renewal process has destroyed many long established businesses and is making others struggle to survive, and the crisis is getting worse and coming to Queens. The petition calls upon Queens lawmakers to make a priority of finding a real solution quickly. One which will level the playing field for our businesses when their leases expire, and one which will allow them to again bargain in good faith to negotiate fair lease terms and make a reasonable profit for their hard work and investment.

After reviewing all the proposed options being considered, they call upon all Queens lawmakers to sign onto the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), the only proposal that will actually give small business owners some rights when dealing with their landlords and will guarantee at least a possibility of survival and reasonable lease terms. The SBJSA is the only real solution to save the businesses because it is the only proposal which gives the tenants the right to renew their leases as well as the right to negotiate equally with the landlord for new lease terms. The right to renewal is what the Queens business owners need to survive according to small business advocates lead by Sung Soo Kim, the city's leading small business expert, often called the* "Godfather of Small Business." For more than 30 years, Mr. Kim has negotiated thousands of lease renewals for his Korean members and dealt daily with the problems facing small businesses. This is what he says must be the cornerstone of any successful legislation, "The absolute essential component of any law to be successful and save businesses and stop the closing of businesses is *the right to renewal of the lease*. Without this right to protect business owners from either a breakdown or manipulation of the free market, all proposals will fail and all independent owners in New York City will eventually be forced to close."

Queens's small business owners deserve rights and respect for their sacrifices and investment made in Queens. Small Businesses are the largest employer, the backbone of the Queens' economy, and vital to the stability and character of every Queens neighborhood. It is important that all Queens lawmakers take seriously the crisis their business owners face today and make a priority of the petition's request from the Queens community groups to find a real solution quickly. Queens community groups do not want what has happened in Manhattan, rent gouging forcing long established businesses to close, which is getting worse and increasing in Brooklyn and Bronx neighborhoods, to happen in Queens. Last year the city courts evicted on average 542 commercial businesses per month, with the highest increase in the Bronx, up 30%. Rent gouging is no longer just a Manhattan problem. Along with the sky high rent increases, other landlord abuses are becoming the norm, like illegal extortion of cash from mostly immigrant owners when their leases expire. Also, landlords only giving short term leases (sometimes month to month), to long established businesses so the landlords are in a better position to rent to "deep pocket" franchises.

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One proposal gives business owners only the right to a one year extension of the lease to give added time for the business owners to move. Business owners, their customers, as well as the community do not want our small businesses to be displaced. Where are they supposed to move? Sky high rents are happening in every neighborhood and many Queens business owners have already be forced to move to Queens from other boroughs. Landlords are warehousing empty stores in prime shopping areas (sometimes for years), waiting for “deep pockets” to rent to. This proposal would actually make the crisis worse when businesses are forced to bid against their neighbors to stay in the neighborhood.

Another proposal calls for zoning changes to keep out big chain stores on Main Street. Zoning is 15 years too late for most NYC neighborhoods which already have banks and chains on every block of Main Street. The biggest argument against zoning is that it has nothing to do with the heart of the problem, the lease renewal process producing high rents and oppressive lease terms. Zoning has nothing to do with lease renewals, only new leases and would not save a single business or job.

Still another proposal calls for tax incentives to landlords who not raise the commercial rents sky high on business owners. In NYC, all businesses pay the landlords’ property taxes, which makes this proposal worthless. The latest proposal from City Hall to address the high rents forcing businesses to close came from Speaker Mark-Viverito in her State of the City Address. The Speaker said, *“So this year the Council will launch a planning study to develop recommendations for strengthening our small business community through land use policy and other tools, such as tax incentives.”*

At a time when an estimated 1,000 businesses are forced to close each month, small business advocates view her statement as an insult to the city’s struggling small business owners and an insult to those progressive legislators whom the voters elected to stand up to special interests and pass progressive legislation. The Speaker’s call for another study to address this crisis is what Sung Soo Kim, calls another Trojan Horse from City Hall created by REBNY (real estate lobby) to keep the status quo and stop any vote on the Small Business Jobs Survival Act. He is not surprised by the Speaker’s call for a study at a time of crisis and record closings of small businesses. Kim said, “Small business owners, and especially immigrant owners were marginalized by City government and a *deprived social class* that have no voice in making economic policy in NYC.”

The Speaker’s call for another study is the opposite position she took as a council member, when she was a sponsor of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act. As a councilmember she testified, “I am a proud sponsor of Small Business Survival Act, and the Council must be firm and strong.” As Speaker, she calls on lawmakers to be silent and don’t hold a hearing on the SBJSA and instead, stall and study the problem. As a councilmember she testified she “recognizes that the council has a responsibility to represent all sectors in this city and not just a select few.” As Speaker she allows the real estate lobby to orchestrate the Shadow Government at City Hall, and define both the problems faced by our small business community and the solutions to those problems. This policy has lead to making the crisis worse under her leadership.

The Speaker is passing up a golden opportunity to give true progressive lawmakers the chance to pass real progressive legislation like the SBJSA.

Small business advocates say the Speaker's call for another study is not necessary and will only stall a real solution for our desperate business owners who need a real solution now to save them.

It is not necessary because Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, completed a huge multi year study started in May 2014 which involved 21 government agencies and small business organizations and several small business roundtables to gain the facts. From this extensive study she made several recommendations, one of which is now being turned into proposed legislation for the Council to consider. This study reached the same conclusion that the Speaker and Borough President Gale Brewer did, "the mom-and-pop crisis has intensified with a fury." Furthermore, NYC Comptroller, Scott Stringer formed a Red Tape Commission to advocate for small business owners and discover their major problems and recommend solutions to address them. He held town hall meetings in five boroughs to listen to community activists and business leaders. Instead of a REBNY hand picked stalling study, with the goal of keeping the status quo, the Speaker should begin public hearings on all proposed solutions to address this crisis.

The future of Queens economy is at stake, therefore, the Queens community groups call upon the Mayor, Speaker and all Queens Council Member to assure our small businesses receive an honest debate, not corrupted by political or special interests' influence. The petition calls for quick passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, a fair and just law that would send a message to all NYer's that Queens has a pro-small business environment and is still the Gateway in NYC for entrepreneurs, especially immigrants, to invest in and achieve the American Dream.

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Earn an F for NOT serving the people and small businesses

Dateline NYC, May 4, 2016: Recently, 80 advocate groups representing small businesses, professionals, and tenants' rights released their mid-term grade of Mayor Bill de Blasio's economic policy for NYC's small businesses. The conclusion: F.

A special committee organized by the Small Business Congress "...was comprised of only people who have a minimum of 25 years experience in owning and operating a small business in NYC or advocating for small businesses. Furthermore, to avoid conflict of interests, no member has received government funding or has contracts with the

city/state, or was consultant to any big business or government funded organization. No member's organization has board members or officers who represent banks, SBA, the real estate industry or promoted loan programs. This committee was comprised of representatives from each borough, most of the city's ethnic minority and women business owners, professional businesses, and every type of business in NYC including arts and Not for Profits."

The committee found "The record shows as Councilman, Bill de Blasio had first-hand knowledge of the dire consequences faced by business owners under Bloomberg's anti-small business policies and the instability and crisis it created. As Councilman and candidate for Public Advocate he was the strongest voice for the passage of real solutions to the real problems of NYC businesses, like the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA) to stop the closing of long established businesses caused by exorbitant rent increases. Yet as Mayor, he remains silent on the small business crisis and the need to address any major problem which would save a single small business or a single New Yorker's job."

The report concluded that the crisis had gotten significantly worse during the first two years of Mayor de Blasio's Administration. During that time, 12,363 Court Warrants to Evict Commercial Businesses were issued with an est. 30,000 Businesses Closed Citywide and an est. 200,000 NYers lost their jobs. "...under Mayor de Blasio's economic policy, for long established businesses, NYC is the worse major city in the world to survive lease expiration and negotiate fair lease terms which allow a reasonable profit."

Many NYers are confused that with a "progressive" Mayor, Speaker and City Council all pledging to promote progressive legislation and declaring to be pro-small business (because they are "the backbone of our economy"), why they have remained silent as our small businesses are being destroyed. Even more perplexing, why is our progressive City Council denying democracy to a bill that would stop the closing of long established small businesses? It is apparent that like Albany, our city's political system is being rigged by electeds who have received big real estate campaign contributions, as our Mom & Pops become extinct.

The F grade given to Mayor de Blasio is the result of his failure to address the crisis faced by our city's small business owners. But this failure is not solely on the feet of NYC's chief executive. It also falls on our City Council and those we have elected to represent us. Chief amongst these fellow failed progressives are Chairman of the Committee on Small Business, Council Member Robert Cornegy, and City Council Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito. Both along with the Mayor are perpetuating former Mayor Bloomberg's anti-small business policies, making the crisis worse by continuing to collaborate with the real estate lobby to keep the status quo and denying a vote on the **SBJSA**.

Also contributing to the F grade is the fact that in July 2014, Chairman Cornegy began working on legislation to address the problem of businesses closing due to exorbitant speculative rent increases and still he has not produced anything. Since then, the crisis has significantly worsened and in the two years since he began his work, he has

presented nothing to his committee to consider in an attempt to save a single small business. For two years, Cornegy has stalled and abandoned the NYC small business community while they are closing in record numbers and struggling to survive. (Over 1,000 small businesses close every month across the five boroughs) Cornegy has also turned his back on 27 true progressive Council Members who support the **SBJSA**; a clear majority of the City Council and of his Committee. Today, under his leadership the courts are evicting on average 542 businesses per month with that number growing disproportionately in the boroughs of the Bronx and Brooklyn. While Cornegy acknowledges a crisis exists and something has to be done to stop the closing of small businesses, he has done absolutely nothing except talk about hypothetical legislation originating from MBP Brewer's small business proposal and doing what big real estate wants: keeping the power with the landlords and not calling a hearing on the **SBJSA**.

Recently, the NY Daily News reported on the small business crisis in NYC with their piece "Malls of America". A crisis that Cornegy continues to acknowledge but still does nothing to address it. Under Cornegy and Speaker Mark-Viverito's leadership, it is acceptable to stall and do nothing while our small businesses disappear as Cornegy's predecessor, Small Business Committee Chairman Yassky had rightly predicted. It's not just the business owners who are suffering under Cornegy and Speaker Mark-Viverito's do nothing policy created by the real estate lobby. The other victims are their employees and their families facing lower wages or being laid off, the character of our neighborhoods changing, lost job opportunities for low income families and hard to employ NYers, fixed income families forced to pay higher prices, and jeopardizing our city's entire middle class when the backbone of our economy is breaking due to high rents.

When Cornegy was asked why he won't allow for a public hearing of the only solution before the City Council, the **SBJSA**, he responded, "I'm not certain it will get passed." The sheer audacity that his opinion somehow carries more weight than the majority in the City Council who support the **SBJSA**, not to mention the cumulative nearly 4 million NYers they represent, is a complete failure to understand democracy and the role he was elected to serve.

Cornegy's added excuse for his inaction was, "it (**SBJSA**) will not yield what people are looking for." What the people are looking for are their beloved Mom & Pops to survive, not giving them a one year extension to move. The real estate lobby on the other hand is looking to keep the status quo which protects landlords' windfall profits by encouraging phony proposals that would make the crisis worse and expedite the displacement of our small businesses. Cornegy needs to be enlightened about the democratic process. Legislation is not made behind closed doors by career bureaucrats working in the Speaker and Mayor's offices, who are following orders from the real estate lobby. Cornegy's allegiance to City Hall's shadow government controlled by big real estate and his lack of experience with small businesses has actually made the crisis worse. Rent gouging is out of control and is now happening all over the city and Cornegy is calling this part of an organic natural growth progress, a talking point originating from the real estate lobby to justify the unintended consequences of real estate speculation and greed.

Speaker Mark-Viverito also contributes to the Mayor's F grade for allowing her office to be influenced by the real estate lobby and stopping a vote on the **SBJSA**. In 2009, the **SBJSA** had 32 sponsors including the entire Small Business Committee and was certain to easily pass into law. To stop a vote on the **SBJSA**, then Speaker Quinn used an unsubstantiated lie created by REBNY, that the bill had "legal problems". Even though this claim was later proved to be without any legal merit, it is still being regurgitated today by many members of the Council to justify inaction and deny sponsorship of the **SBJSA**. The Speaker's office today is using the same lie about the bill's legality to deny a public hearing on the **SBJSA**. NYers did not expect a continuation of Speaker Quinn's sell out to the real estate lobby from a so called "progressive". And to add further insult to our desperate small business owners and to democracy, the Speaker recently announced at the State of the City address that the Council will create a planning committee to study the small business problem and recommend solutions like tax incentives to landlords. Another study, *(this will be the third small business study since 2014)* is an already used stalling tactic created by REBNY to prevent a vote on the **SBJSA**.

Self-anointed 'progressives' like de Blasio, Cornegy, and Mark-Viverito were elected to pass progressive legislation and the **SBJSA** is progressive legislation. Instead, we get a phony 'progressive' Mayor and City Council whose only true claim to progressiveness is progressively lining the pockets of big real estate.

It's time to begin recognizing progressive elected officials by their actions, not by their rhetoric. With this measurement, we have 27 of the 51 City Council Members we can truly call progressives whether they call themselves democrat or republican. Progressiveness lies in not only passing progressive social legislation but economic as well. By any measure, Mayor de Blasio, Chairman Cornegy and Speaker Mark-Viverito are failures when we look at their actions to save our small businesses, not what they say -- they all deserve a big F grade. It's time to pass the **SBJSA**, it's time for action, it's time for democracy to return to City Hall.

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Small businesses have no voice at City Hall so these editorials are important.
Please read and learn what the community wants our elected officials to do.

<http://town-village.com/2016/01/08/editorial-sbjasa-could-be-the-only-hope-for-saving-mom-and-pop-shops/>